"What becomes of all the old hats?" a hatter on Park row was asked.

"Oh, they go to the skinners, who do them up again and then ship them to the country. Of course, you don't know what a skinner is? There is one right across the way, and you can find any number on the Bowery and on Hester and Baxter streets. Go there if you want te find out something about old hats."

As long as it will hold together, a hat, be it ever so battered and shapeless, retains a certain value in the eyes of the

tains a certain value in the eyes of the dealer in old clothes and the ragpickers. tains a certain value in the eyes of the dealer in oid clothes and the rappickers. The Jewish perambulating merchants, whose melancholy monotone of "old clo'" is as familiar, will seldom refuse to invest their small capital in oid hats. Crushed, frayed, and dim, they are carried off to be rejuvenated in frowzy back shops by Rebeccas and Josephs. It is wenderful to mark the transformation which the cunning touch of these manipulators can effect, or how their glue and brown paper, blacking and dyed rabbit's fur can stiffen and smarten the mangiest old tile into the semblance of its early prime. An old hat refreshed at this perrennial fountain of youth is really a wonderful and creditable work of art. No old painting, worm-esten and chocolate-hued, disinterred from a garret in Ghent or Nuremberg and furnished for sale to millionaire purchasers could be touched up with lighter hand or more trembling care. It at last becomes brighter than the new, sleek, trim, oily, and the sprucest, if not the most durable of hats. A thing of beauty it is but not destined for long to be a joy to the sanguine purchaser.

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One of the best known establishments in which old hats undergo a rejuvenating process is to be found on the Bowery. It is an old, narrow, and frowsy shop, filled to overflowing with old, misshapen things once appendages to the seat of human reason. In the years of its existence the old shop and its proprietor must have seen numerous changes in masculine headgear. The owner of the establishment, for some mysterious reason, is deeper than many of his brothers on Hes-ter street and Park row in the secrets of the clixir which turns old garments into new. He is no conjurer, and never tries the proverbially difficult experiment of placing new heads on old shoulders. But how many, many times has he succeeded in putting old hats on young heads, es-pecially in remote country districts. This Bowery Israelite is a real artist. His womankind serve him well, making it a labor of love to replace the lost nap, and handling the bare edges as gingerly as if the felt or pasteboard below were dynamite ready to explode under rough usage. Refreshed hats at this establishment are and the state of t glue and gum and paint, silk and brown paper resolve themselves into their orig-inal constituents, and the whole fabric collapses like a dissolving view.

Lawrence Barrett at Cohasset.

Mr. Barrett kindly led the way to what he called his "den." No term could better fall to describe his orderly and elegant study. Upon the walls hung a perfect constellation of "stars," nearly all as he said, presentation portraits. There was Henry Irving as Hamlet, Forrest. Jefferson, Herr Barnay, an exquisite portrait of Helen Terry, Bernhardt, John and Charles Kemble, and over the mantel a life-size portrait of the veteran comedian, William Warren. "Here," calling attention to a small profile portrait is the n to n only likeness of David Garrick without a wig that I have ever seen. It is very old and very rare." Mr. Booth, of course, was conspicuously represented in this stellar gallery. There was not only a portrait, but a bust, and beneath hung a pipe which was Mr. Booth's solace for many years and has now become, through the gift of the tragedian, Mr. Barrett's cherished possession. Not only here, but in every reference to Mr. Booth the younger tragedian's noble and unselfish devotion to his friend was made ingenously ap-

"Here," continued Mr. Barrett, is the Chandos bust of Shakespeare, and this is a George worn by Edmund Kean in 'Richard III.' and presented to me on my last night in London by Henry Irving, with the request that I should sometimes wear it." The lower part of the walls of the room gave unmistakable and ample evidence of the scholarly tastes of our cultured actor. About two hundred volumes are devoted to the drama: the rest emare devoted to the drama; the rest em-braced a wide range of subjects and at-tested both the catholicity and healthfulness of the owner's mind.

Chloroform Sniffers.

These few facts I have learned from a adruggist who in a lifetime has known many victims. He says that the faith of the morphine slave, however, is not more shocking than that of the confirmed taker of chloroform. The taste for this angesthetic is becoming as great as that for morphine. Dissipation and nervous tension both produce sleepless nights. To woo sleep chloroform is used. "Hundreds in our large cities," said the druggist, "saturate napkins and handkerchiefs with chloroform at night and fall asleep in breathing the fumes. It was thus that Charles G. Halpin died after a week's debauch, and it was thus that the son and heir of a once prominent millionaire con-gressman from Boston passed away. The habit produces palpitation of the heart, and in time the victim is sure to be found dead in bed .- Philadelphia Press.

Burying the Dead. We arrrived at Shiloh in time for me to be detailed to help bury the dead. That is a duty in connection with army work seldom described. The mind dislikes to dwell upon it. The killing of the man is an exciting work. There is some excitement even in being in line with shot and builder in seeing such as the builder. bullets—in seeing who gets hit—in feeling that you are yet whole—but there is no redeeming feature in going out to the field of the dead and gathering the men like sheaves in a harvest-field and arranging them in a trench and covering them with earth. There is no other form of death There is no other form of death so sickening as that of a well and hearty man killed by the accidents of battle.

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